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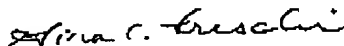
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Petition Withdrawal from Issue under 37 CFR 1.313(a)Mail Stop Issue Fee
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Sir:

Applicants request that the Office withdraw the application from issue under 37 CFR 1.313(a) before payment of the issue fee. This request is directed to the Technology Center (TC) Director to which the application is assigned.

The Director is authorized to charge the fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207, under Order No. 57636-8020.US00. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207, under Order No. 57636-8020.US00.

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Remarks**I. Petition for Withdrawal from Issue under 37 CFR 1.313(a)**

Regarding the showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary, applicants note that where a restriction was required between a product and a process of making and/or using the product, and the product was elected and subsequently found allowable, a claim to a nonelected invention may be rejoined under MPEP § 821.04. Applicants seek to rejoin nonelected claims to methods employing the allowed product.

In addition, applicants note that SEQ ID NO:2 is contained within SEQ ID NO:4. In searching SEQ ID NO:4, the Examiner would have also searched SEQ ID NO:2. Applicants seek to reopen prosecution in order to clarify the scope of the subject matter searched, and the breadth of the allowed composition claim.

Applicants note that unless applicant receives a written communication from the Office that the application has been withdrawn from issue, the issue fee must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment. MPEP § 1308(I)(A).

- ☒ Fee (37 CFR § 1.17(h)) ☒ Small Entity: \$130.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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